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I. WEEKLY SUMMARY

CONGRESSIONAL SCHEDULE

Senate

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources has scheduled two hearings of interest – topics include:

- Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's notice of proposed rulemaking, entitled "Remedying Undue Discrimination through Open Access Transmission Service and Standard Electricity Market Design"
- U.S. technology transfer programs for energy efficiency, nuclear, fossil and renewable energy and to identify necessary changes to those programs to support U.S. competitiveness in the global marketplace.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEES/VOTES

Appropriations Last week, conferees were named for two FY 2003 appropriations bills; no conference committee schedule has been announced for the two bills:

- *H.R. 5010 – Defense*
- *HR. 5010 – Military Construction*

Energy Legislation Conferees met again on September 12 to resume discussion on *H.R. 4/S. 517* – comprehensive energy legislation. Conferees agreed on language dealing with pipeline safety issues, the *Price-Anderson Act*, 10-year funding to develop clean coal technology, among other topics. Conferees are scheduled to address differences over Corporate Average Fuel Economy Standards and electricity restructuring at their next meeting on September 19.

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II. COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

HOUSE

No new information of interest to report.

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SENATE

No new information of interest to report.

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III. FY 2003 APPROPRIATIONS CHART

(In Billions)

HOUSE

SENATE

<i>Jurisdiction/ FY 2003 Budget Request</i>	<i>302(b) Allocations/ Approved Funding Level</i>	<i>Bill No.</i>	<i>Full Cmte.</i>	<i>Floor</i>	<i>Conf.</i>	<i>302(b) Allocations/ Approved Funding Level</i>	<i>Bill No.</i>	<i>Full Cmte.</i>	<i>Floor</i>	<i>Conf.</i>
Agriculture \$17.051	\$ 17.601	HR 5263	7/11	7/26		\$ 17.980	S 2801	7/25		
Commerce \$ 40.333	\$ 40.726	-	7/18			\$ 43.475	S 2778	7/18		
Defense \$356.598	\$354.7	HR 5010	6/24	6/27	Pending	\$ 355.1	-	7/18	8/1	Pending
Energy and Water Development \$25.149	\$ 26.027	-				\$ 26.300	S 2784	7/24		
Interior \$18.953	\$ 19.8	HR 5093	7/9	7/17		\$ 19.35	S. 2708	6/27	Week of 9/3	
Labor / HHS \$129.902	\$129.902	HR 5320				\$133.988	S 2766	7/18		
Military Construction \$ 9.541	\$ 10.083	HR 5011	6/24	6/27	Pending	\$ 10.622	S 2709	6/27	7/18	Pending
Transportation \$ 19.851	\$ 19.411	-				\$ 21.1	S 2808	7/25		
Treasury \$ 17.960	\$ 18.501	HR 5120	7/9	7/24		\$ 18.501	S 2740	7/16		
VA/HUD \$ 92.518	\$ 91.841	-				\$ 91.434	S 2797	7/25		
Total 302(b) Allocations/ FY 2003 Budget Request \$748.141										

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IV. NEW LEGISLATION

(Note: Once a new bill is introduced, the Government Printing Office generally requires from several days to one week to make the bill available in print)

HOUSE

There is no new legislation of interest to report.

SENATE

There is no new legislation of interest to report.

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V. ADMINISTRATION INITIATIVES

No new initiatives or activities of interest to report.

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VI. HEARINGS SCHEDULE

HOUSE - COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

No new activities of interest to report.

HOUSE - AUTHORIZATIONS/OVERSIGHT

No new activities of interest to report.

SENATE - COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Date/Committee	Chair	Hearing Title/Issues	Witnesses	Time/Location
September 17 - Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (NEW)	Jeff Bingaman (D/NM)	Hearing - To examine the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC) notice of proposed rulemaking, entitled "Remedying Undue Discrimination through Open Access	Chairman Pat Wood (FERC) Governor Paul Patton (D/KY) Other state and industry officials	9:30 a.m. Room 106 Dirksen Office Building

Date/Committee	Chair	Hearing Title/Issues	Witnesses	Time/Location
		Transmission Service and Standard Electricity Market Design.”		
<i>September 18</i> – Committee on Energy and Natural Resources <i>(NEW)</i>	Jeff Bingaman (D/NM)	<i>Hearing – To examine the effectiveness and sustainability of U.S. technology transfer programs for energy efficiency, nuclear, fossil and renewable energy and to identify necessary changes to those programs to support U.S. competitiveness in the global marketplace.</i>	Tentative – DOE and other Administration officials Pacific Northwest National Laboratory Representative Representatives of the finance community	9:30 a.m. Room 366 Dirksen Office Building

SENATE - AUTHORIZATIONS/OVERSIGHT

No new activities of interest to report.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE NEGOTIATIONS/FLOOR VOTES

Date/Committee	Bill	Time/Location
<i>HR 4/S517</i>	Comprehensive Energy Legislation	September 19
<i>HR 5010</i>	FY 2003 Defense Appropriations	TBD
<i>HR 5011</i>	FY 2003 Military Construction Appropriations	TBD

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